#### **APPENDIX A**

## Sequence Comparison — Mouse vs. Human TERT

### Mouse TERT protein sequence

070372 1122 aa linear ROD 15-JUN-2002 Telomerase reverse transcriptase (Telomerase catalytic subunit). DEFINITION ORGANISM Mus musculus AUTHORS Greenberg, R.A., Allsopp, R.C., Chin, L., Morin, G.B. and DePinho, R.A. TITLE Expression of mouse telomerase reverse transcriptase during development, differentiation and proliferation JOURNAL Oncogene 16 (13), 1723-1730 (1998) 1 mtraprcpav rsllrsryre vwplatfvrr lgpegrrlvq pgdpkiyrtl vaqclvcmhw 61 gsqpppadls fhqvsslkel varvvqrlce rnernvlafg fellneargg ppmaftssvr 121 sylpntviet lrvsgawmll lsrvgddllv yllahcalyl lvppscayqv cgsplyqica 181 ttdiwpsvsa syrptrpvgr nftnlrflqq iksssrqeap kplalpsrgt krhlsltsts 241 vpsakkarcy pvprveegph rqvlptpsgk swvpsparsp evptaekdls skgkvsdlsl 301 sgsvcckhkp sstsllsppr qnafqlrpfi etrhflysrg dgqerlnpsf llsnlqpnlt 361 garrlveiif lgsrprtsgp lcrthrlsrr ywqmrplfqq llvnhaecqy vrllrshcrf 421 rtanqqvtda lntspphlmd llrlhsspwq vygflracic kvvsaslwgt rhnerrffkn 481 lkkfislgky gklslqelmw kmkvedchwl rsspgkdrvp aaehrlreri latflfwlmd 541 tyvvqllrsf fyitestfqk nrlffyrksv wsklqsigvr qhlervrlre lsqeevrhhq 601 dtwlampicr lrfipkpngl rpivnmsysm gtralgrrkq aqhftqrlkt lfsmlnyert 661 khphlmgssv lgmndiyrtw rafvlrvral dqtprmyfvk advtgaydai pqgklvevva 721 nmirhsesty cirqyavvrr dsqgqvhksf rrqvttlsdl qpymgqflkh lqdsdasalr 781 nsvvieqsis mnesssslfd fflhflrhsv vkigdrcytq cqgipqgssl stllcslcfg 841 dmenklfaev qrdglllrfv ddfllvtphl dqaktflstl vhgvpeygcm inlqktvvnf 901 pvepgtlgga apyqlpahol fpwcgllldt qtlevfcdys gyaqtsikts ltfqsvfkag 961 ktmrnkllsv lrlkchglfl dlqvnslqtv ciniykifll qayrfhacvi qlpfdqrvrk 1021 nltfflgiis sqasccyail kvknpgmtlk asgsfppeaa hwlcyqafll klaahsviyk

#### **Human TERT protein sequence**

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1081 cllgplrtag kllcrklpea tmtilkaaad palstdfqti ld

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# **Sequence Comparison**

Performed at the following website: http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/blast/bl2seq/bl2.html

Score = 1340 bits (3468), Expect = 0.0 Identities = 715/1146 (62%), Positives = 839/1146 (72%), Gaps = 38/1146 (3%)



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human:	1	MPRAPRCRAVRSLLRSHYREVLPLATFVRRLGPQGWRLVQRGDPAAFRALVAQCLVCVPW	60
mouse:	61	GSQPPPADLSFHQVSSLKELVARVVQRLCERNERNVLAFGFELLNEARGGPPMAFTSSVR ++PPPA SF QVS LKELVARV+QRLCER +NVLAFGF LL+ ARGGPP AFT+SVR	120
human:	61	DARPPPAAPSFRQVSCLKELVARVLQRLCERGAKNVLAFGFALLDGARGGPPEAFTTSVR	120
mouse:	121	SYLPNTVIETLRVSGAWMLLLSRVGDDLLVYLLAHCALYLLVPPSCAYQVCGSPLYQICA SYLPNTV + LR SGAW LLL RVGDD+LV+LLA CAL++LV PSCAYQVCG PLYQ+ A	180
human:	121	SYLPNTYTDALRGSGAWGLLLRRVGDDVLVHLLARCALFVLVAPSCAYQVCGPPLYQLGA	180
mouse:	181	TTDIWPSVSASYRPTRPVGRNFTNLRFLQQIKSSSRQEAPKPLALPSRGTKRHLSLTSTS T P AS P R +G ++ + S +EA PL LP+ G +R S S	240
human:	181	ATQARPPPHAS-GPRRRLGCERAWNHSVREAGVPLGLPAPGARRRGGSASRS	231
mouse:	241	VPSAKKARCYPVPRVEEGPHRQVLPTPSGKSWVPSPARSPEVPTAEKDLSSKGKVS +P K+ R P E P Q G++ PS SP P AE+ S +G +S	296
human:	232	LPLPKRPRRGAAPEPERTPVGQGSWAHPGRTRGPSDRGFCVVSPARP-AEEATSLEGALS	290
mouse:	297	DLSLSG-SVCCKHKPSSTSLLSPPRQNAFQLRP-FIETRHFLYSRGDGQERLNPSFLLSN S SV +H S PPR P + ET+HFLYS GD +E+L PSFLLS+	354
human:	291	GTRHSHPSVGRQHHAGPPSTSRPPRPWDTPCPPVYAETKHFLYSSGD-KEQLRPSFLLSS	349
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human:	350	LRPSLTGARRLVETIFLGSRPWMPGTPRRLPRLPQRYWQMRPLFLELLGNHAQCPYGVLL	409
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human:	470	RRLVPPGLWGSRHNERRFLRNTKKFISLGKHAKLSLQELTWKMSVRDCAWLRRSPGVGCV	529
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mouse:	760	LQPYMGQFLKHLQDSDASALRNSVVIEQSISMNESSSSLFDFFLHFLRHSVVKIGDRCYT LQPYM QF+ HLQ++ S LR++VVIEQS S+NE+SS LFD FL F+ H V+I + Y	
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human:		QCQGIPQGSILSTLLCSLCYGDMENKLFAGIRRDGLLLRLVDDFLLVTPHLTHAKTFLRT	
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